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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Response to Restriction Requirement in 2 pages.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 19, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group II without traverse.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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